

## **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 4, 2021**

**Virtual – Teams Meeting**

Attendance included:

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Alyssa Boxhill, Chair Marien Hornyak John Thomas Jennifer Whitmore Shayne Boucher Lou Huzella Russell Richardson Alderman Russell	David Edmondson Brandon Mark	

### **Chairman's Report: Meeting Called to Order at 6:30**

#### **Announcements:**

No announcements.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

##### **April 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

##### **Motion:**

Motion: Lou Huzella made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Second: Shayne Boucher.

Vote: 7-0.

#### **Staff Review:**

##### **• Crash Report**

- Shayne stated the location at East Street and Carroll Creek is a pretty frequent crossing and half the time the pedestrians do push the button. Most of the time the drivers are courteous enough to stop. He is not sure how one goes about encouraging people at the intersection to push the button to cross to try and reduce this level of conflict. David responded that has been a concern among staff as well. We may have to look at some alternatives. The cameras that are used in places of high population of Orthodox Jewish people who cannot press buttons during Sabbath is an option that has not been explored. We can look at this further.
- Alyssa stated that on several recent occasions using the stop light and hitting the button, cars disregard the red light. She added her concerns about the crossing is where you have two lanes of vehicular traffic and there is a sight-line blockage where one motorists does not see there is more danger to pedestrians.
- Alderman Russell stated there are a couple of opportunities, one being the signalization at the MARC Train. With the grant we have received for the East Street Corridor, there may be some opportunities there that are possible to improve that.

- Alyssa asked about the crossing at West Patrick near Hillcrest if it was in the cross walk or across the road away from the intersection. David responded it was approximately 200 feet from the intersection.
- **Seventh Street Update**
  - Shayne asked how wide the protected bike lane would be. David replied it would be 8' to 11' depending on where.
  - Alyssa asked if construction would be done all at once. David replied the goal is to do the section with striping and then move to finish the lane heading up to Military Road.
  - JT asked to review the signalized areas to make sure everything is going to be okay. David did respond saying we are planning on doing some signal retiming and possibly tie in bike movements to the crossing signals.
  - Alderman Russell jumped to Military Road and asked when we did the On Street Bike Plan, we had talked about using Military but it is constrained. She is wondering why we would go to Military and not use Wilson Place. David stated he would check into that and believe that one of the reasons was driveways. The protected lanes do not work as well when there are driveways on both sides of the street.
  - Alyssa asked if the city plans to engage with the hospital as part of these discussions. David responded that since it is striping and the timeline is constrained we have not reached out yet but can so we can make sure their concerns are met.
- **Grants Update – Recreational Trails/TAP**
  - No comments/concerns.
- **Bike-Ped Plan Update**
  - Alyssa stated there was previous conversation about snow removal and what maintenance equipment would be necessary to clear protected lanes and asked if it was in consideration here. David replied yes.
  - Shayne asked what the time frame was for public comment. David responded it would be through the summer.
  - Jennifer asked if the questionnaires that will be distributed are available in both Spanish and English. She feels we would get a high response if they are bilingual.
  - Alderman Russell stated that the Asian American Center has an annual health fair but that may be an opportunity to connect with that community.

#### **Committee Member Announcements or Comments:**

- Alderman Russell stated Bike to Work Day is May 21, 2021 so register at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org)
- Shayne stated they are also having their first Bike to Work Day in Brunswick and encourages anyone to stop by. You can pick up your t-shirt at the MARC station and Attaboy Brewery.
- Alyssa asked if there was a timetable for in person meetings. Alderman Russell stated that staff is currently working on a plan which is still in progress.
- Shayne asked if there was going to be a 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show this year. Alderman Russell responded she does not know.
- Marien stated that the Frederick Half Marathon is happening on July 11, 2021.

#### **Public Comment:**

- There was no public comment.

#### **Farewell to departing members:**

Alderman Russell stated that on behalf of the City of Frederick and the Mayor we thank you for your service, are sorry to see you go, and appreciate the work you have done.

David stated that we will be having three (3) new members for the BPAC come in for next month's meeting and the following month we will have our fourth.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion: Russell Richardson.

Second: Lou Huzella.

Vote: 7-0.

**Adjourned approximately 7:21P.M.**